

“Out with the Old and in with the News”

My Experience

- > Staff Writer, The University Times, 2014-2015 .
- > Youngest News Editor in The University Times’s history, 2015-2016.
- > Deputy Editor, The University Times, 2016-2017.
- > Member of The Editorial Board, 2016-17.
- > During my time in Trinity I’ve had a strong interest in debating and mootng.
- > S2S Volunteer.
- > I’ve worked with FLAC reports on the right to housing and gender recognition legislation.
- > Interned with BBC Radio, summer 2016.

My Headlines and Highlights

“Campaign to Push Trinity to Divest from €6 million in Oil Assets”

“Trinity’s Oldest Student on Fighting Nazis and Being a Table Tennis Champion”

“Disjointed College Bureaucracy is Impacting Societies”

“‘Consensus’ on Funding Decision by Next Budget, According to Minister for Education”

Delivering Student Journalism

Trinity is changing dramatically, and The University Times needs to change too. Our paper needs to adapt to the evolving world of higher education and student life, from the growth of entrepreneurship among students to growing commercialisation in College. I want to lead the paper as it grows and expands to reflect the challenges facing students and universities.

News in Brief: My Ideas

1. Supporting journalism through a writing competition and conference for secondary-level students from socio-economically disadvantaged areas of Dublin.
2. Developing and improving how we approach and deliver sports news and analysis.
3. Making better use of podcast and video.

Voting Times

Mon 20th	Arts Block & Hamilton 12pm-5pm
	D’ Olier Street 12pm-2pm
	TBSI 12pm-2pm
	Halls 8pm-9pm
Tues 21st	Arts Block & Hamilton 9am-7pm
	Tallaght 12pm-2pm
	St. James’s Hospital 12pm-2pm
	D’ Olier Street 12pm-2pm
Wed 22nd	Arts Block & Hamilton 9am-4pm

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for **EDITOR**

of The University Times

I'm Dominic McGrath,

The current Deputy Editor of The University Times and a third-year Law and Political Science student. I've been involved since first year, starting out as a staff writer before moving on to become News Editor in 2015. Now, with your support, I want to run The University Times next year, Ireland's largest student newspaper.

During my time at the paper, I've covered everything from the Trinity Hall musical to the funding crisis and interviewed everyone from Alex Salmond to the Provost, breaking some of the paper's biggest stories, such as Trinity's divestment campaign and developments in the higher education funding crisis.



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1. Improving Our Coverage

Sport is one of the most important aspects of College life and Trinity has a vibrant sports scene. The University Times should be at the centre of this, covering everything from hockey and camogie to netball and badminton.

> New sports correspondents and more innovative coverage would raise our game when it comes to sport.

> Our coverage of entrepreneurship among students needs to improve. Trinity students are some of the best in the world at producing startups and we need to be giving them the platform they deserve. A new Research & Innovation Correspondent, covering the newest campus companies, will put The University Times at the heart of this entrepreneurship culture.

2. Outreach

With over 60 staff members, The University Times is full of energetic, hardworking people. Journalism has always had a problem with diversity, and the profession must attract more people from wider backgrounds.

> I want to create an annual student writing competition in the paper, aimed at children from disadvantaged areas around Dublin, and from this provide a week-long work experience programme for transition-year students.

> This work experience programme will include a one-day journalism conference, open to Trinity staff and students and members of the public. It will include guest-speakers and panel discussions on journalism and careers in the media.

3. Technology

Journalists are now using a wider range of media, such as podcasts and videos, to tell stories and break news. The University Times has tried to do the same, producing pieces on everything from Trinity's ghosts to the imprisonment of Ibrahim Halawa.

> I want to re-introduce a regular podcast into the paper's coverage, as well as find more opportunities to use video content as part of the paper's daily coverage of campus life.

> I want to run professional, skill-based workshops for the paper's staff and Trinity students on everything from graphic and website design to news writing, so that our staff are ready for 21st-century journalism.

Funding Our Future

The University Times needs to grow and develop in the future. To do that it needs to diversify funding and boost the paper's revenue. If elected, I want to attract more money through advertising while also reaching out to alumni and potential sponsors to develop a network of supporters to help fund and secure the paper's future.

Diversity of College Life

Like any paper, The University Times's staff needs to reflect its readers. To achieve this, I want to:

> Ensure we have subtitles on all video content.

> Increase the amount of Irish-language content we produce and have at least one Irish-language podcast.

> Maintain our focus on the challenges facing LGBT+ students and staff in Trinity.